



## At the Academy.

Monday Night, "A Hot Old Time."  
Tuesday, Matinee and Night, Fawcett  
Co. in "Othello."  
Friday Night, "Sherlock Holmes."  
Saturday, Matinee and Night, Rose  
Coghlan.

## A Hot Old Time.

One of the most charming and talented women of the stage is Lottie West Symonds, a leading member of Ray's "A Hot Old Time" Company, which will play an engagement at the Academy next Monday night, December 28th. Miss Symonds, aside from being a clever artist, is, in her private life, a most brilliant conversationalist.

## Fawcett as Othello.

Mr. George Fawcett will make the first production of "Othello" that the South has seen in many years, when he comes to the Academy of Music here Tuesday night. Mr. Fawcett's personal triumph in the title part of this great tragedy was unquestioned in Baltimore. His appearance here supported by a very strong company will be of more than usual interest because of his great personal popularity in this city. His companies have been seen here for the past two seasons, but "Othello" is said to be the greatest production he has ever attempted.

## Sherlock Holmes.

It is not difficult to understand the success made by Mr. Herbert Kelcey and Miss Effie Shannon, since they began their starring career over six years ago. Every play that they have been identified with as stars, has seen them doing the same constant and artistic work that marked their connection with the famous Freeman Lyceum Stock Company, and earned such high praise at the hands of the press of New York city.

In all their years before the public, they have never been received with such acclaim as they have in William Gillette's dramatization of Conan Doyle's "Sherlock Holmes." It may be well to note here that the same support which earned such high encomiums last season, has been retained.

Mr. Daniel V. Arthur, who is managing these artists, has provided them with an

DEWITT JENNINGS.  
At the Academy.

entirely new production, far exceeding the one they used in their previous tour, in costumes and scenery.

The setting of the first act is an exact reproduction of the drawing-room in the London mansion of the late Disraeli, Earl of Beaconsfield, whose literary contributions alone would have made him famous, had he not been Prime Minister of England, and founder of the Conservative party. His rich colorings and tapestried walls is a sight worthy of the lovers of the beautiful. The fourth act setting, is a reproduction of the "surgery" of the late Sir Merrill Mackenzie, England's greatest physician, who is no doubt well remembered as the surgeon who attended the father of the present Emperor of Germany in his last illness. The first scene, second act, is the reproduction of an underground room in the notorious Whitechapel district in London, which time after time has given to the world the most startling horrors in the annals of criminology. Every effort has been made to provide this production with the minutest detail, with the atmosphere and colorings suggested by Conan Doyle's masterpiece of fiction "Sherlock Holmes." This remarkable drama is booked to appear at the Academy on Friday.

## Rose Coghlan.

"The Greatest Thing in the World," in which Rose Coghlan will appear at the Academy on Saturday, matinee and night, is a society drama written by two women, for a woman. It shows in feminine origin in almost every line. There is an intelligent and intelligible motive; the refining, purifying and elevating influence of love; especially maternal love. Incidentally there is an attempt to discuss the theory of heredity, but the dalliance with this subject is not prominent nor marked. The central figure of the play is Virginia Bryant, a wealthy widow, blessed with the gift of perpetual youth, many virtues and graces, and two grown up sons, the elder of whom has inherited from his father a fondness for strong drink. There are a number of bright comedy scenes, much witty dialogue and a display of ball, dinner, evening and morning gowns which will delight the feminine heart.

Miss Coghlan's superb art was never more manifest than in the character of Virginia Bryant, whose endowments, mental, moral, physical, are almost angelic. In the lighter passages, her well modulated delivery, her ease and delicacy of manner, the restraint of her play and delicate facial expressions are managed to much advantage and uncommon effect. Her suggestion of suppressed, but almost uncontrollable, emotion, in the scene in which she learns of her erring son's crime, is as clever as her hysterical effort to explain to her guests a matter

THRILLING SCENE IN SHERLOCK HOLMES.  
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that is unexplainable. It is in the culminating scene of the third act that the true note of passion and yearning is apparent.

In her final outburst of anguished denunciation she delivers her speeches with the greatest vehemence and emphasis. If the entire fortune of the play depended on this scene its fortune would be made. Luckily this is not so and Miss Coghlan's acting of the entire play is ample evidence that it is exacting in its demands upon the versatility of its chief performer. Miss Coghlan has been surrounded with an exceptionally good cast by her manager, Jerry Murry.

## Virginia Harned in "Iris."

Regarding "Iris," Mr. Pliner's strong problem play in which Charles Frohman presents Virginia Harned for an engagement of two nights in the Academy, January 5 and 6, as the star, a stern reviewer of the drama has concluded that neither man nor woman could be worse for seeing the piece, as it is a warning against self-indulgence, slothfulness and luxury, which has been the cause of her ruin.

"Iris" has been more talked about, probably, than any dramatic production that has been seen in the United States for many years. It is said to be unlike any of Mr. Pliner's other plays, in that it is probably too true to life.

## Bijou Vaudeville Bill.

When you tackle the risibilities of people, you please them, therefore Manager Wells knew what he was doing when he secured the Ross and Fenton vaudeville aggregation for the Bijou Theatre all next week. Every act is a comedy in itself, and while each differs from the other in kind, all are alike in that they create laughter. To quote just a little here, it was said by the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot of Tuesday, in speaking of the attraction, that "the attendance was justified, the statement that vaudeville was not dead, for there was a very large audience at the Granby last night, and each and every member of it went home more than satisfied."

Of course, the feature of the bill will be the act of Ross and Fenton. These are without doubt, the cleverest travesty artists on the American stage to-day. And in passing it can be said that this will be their last appearance in vaudeville for perhaps many years, as they have been engaged to help Weber and Fields put on all their future burlesques at their cozy Little Broadway playhouse. They will be seen here in two acts, "After the Ball" and "Just Like a Woman," and in both, each of the duo is shown to the very best advantage. It is hardly necessary to tell how these people can entertain; they have a style and a manner peculiarly their own and really have to be seen to be appreciated.

For real knock-about comedy, the act of Sherman and DeForest is a "hummer." They call their act "The Battle of San Dago," and that is as good as any other title, for there is nothing in a name, at least for them. Shakespeare to the contrary notwithstanding, from their first appearance on the stage until the fall of the curtain there is one continuous laugh, which only increases in volume, the longer they work.

In black face, there will be seen Ford and Wilson, who do a very neat song and dance act, while in the musical line, West and Van Sicklin, a novel and pleasing act.

The Two Pucks, juveniles, in songs and dances, will not only please the ladies and children, but also the heads of families, while the acrobatic act of Bush and Gordon, with its sensational climax, will surely make a hit. Others on the bill will be equally successful in pleasing, so that, in all, the next vaudeville bill at the Bijou will be one of unusual merit.

MISS EVELYN BROWN.  
At the Academy.FRATERNITY NEWS  
AND GOSSIP.

With a spirit akin to self sacrifice, the members of Damon Lodge, No. 7, Knights of Pythias, have decided not to expend a large sum of money on their anniversary exercises, which will be held next Friday evening, January 1st, as has been their custom in former years, but will use a portion of the money in the purchase of baskets of provisions for the needy families of their deceased members.

The exercises, while not as elaborate as heretofore, will be very interesting, and will consist of addresses by well known members of the order, high class recitations and excellent music, which will be followed by a "smoker."

No ladies will be present at the exercises, as they will be only for members of the order.

The Masonic Temple at Winchester, Va., in which the late President McKinley was made a Mason during the Civil War, was badly damaged by smoke and water last Wednesday morning. The mural paintings, which cost \$5,000, were badly injured.

Mrs. E. R. Robinson, widow of Policeman Robinson, received \$3,000, last week from the officers of Richmond Tent, No. 4, K. of M., amount of insurance carried by Mr. Robinson in the order. The claim was paid within fifteen days after the death of Mr. Robinson.

The Roanoke Lodge of Elks will give the annual Christmas tree and dinner to the poor of Roanoke on New Year's day.

The Norfolk Lodge of Elks will give a musk ball next Tuesday evening, at the Norfolk Exposition, which the people of Tidewater Virginia are exerting every effort to make possible and a credit to the Commonwealth.

The Richmond Elks will entertain members and friends of the order at a stag party in the Elks' Home to-morrow evening.

The various Groves of Druids will entertain their friends at a ball Monday night, January 4th, in Belvidere Hall.

Cockade City Grove, No. 22, United Order of Druids, was instituted last Monday night by T. M. Hargraves, of this city, grand noble arch of Virginia, assisted by other grand officers of the order, and the following officers were elected: Past Arch, R. E. L. Hargraves; noble arch, W. D. Morris; vice arch, W. V. Pearson; secretary, R. O. Bassin; J. H. Wells; conductor, L. A. Traylor; inside guard, W. H. Hall; outside guard, J. H. Monroe; trustees, Robert Gilliam, R. E. L. Hargraves and W. V. Pearson.

Mr. Henry Rueger received a very handsome scarf pin from the Petersburg Lodge of Elks, in appreciation of his services in contributing his fine voice during their annual memorial exercises.

\$2,500 For Photographs.

Twenty-five hundred dollars is the price paid to a Broad Street firm of photographers for 150 photographs. A check for this amount, payable to the firm, passed through the banks of Richmond last week.

**BIJOU**

ALL WEEK,  
BEGINNING  
DECEMBER 28TH

MATINEES TUESDAY, THURSDAY,  
SATURDAY.

ALL STAR  
VAUDEVILLE.

ROSS AND FENTON,  
BURLESQUERS.

SHERMAN & D'FORREST,  
KNOCK-ABOUT ARTISTS.

FORD AND WILSON,  
BLACK-FACED VOCALISTS AND  
DANCERS.

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## FEMALE NORMAL SCHOOL.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
ST. LE, NORMAL SCHOOL, FAIRMONT, VA., Dec. 26.—The children of the kindergarten were very happy in entertaining their parents and friends on Wednesday morning. After many charming little songs and games, Miss Freeborn told the story of Christmas most impressively. Then followed other songs and games, after which a large Christmas tree, ornamented and loaded by the work of the children themselves, was stripped of its pretty interesting fruit, which was distributed among parents, brothers and sisters, by the happy little makers.

Those who had frequently visited the kindergarten during the fall were most gratified on the very evident improvement of the children, who gather around Miss Freeborn each day. The changes which have taken place are truly wonderful, and surely cannot be outgrown in a lifetime.

Without doubt, the most delightful social gathering of the season was the Christmas party of the Faculty of the President and Mrs. Jarman, on Tuesday evening. It was the anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Jarman, but this fact had been kept a secret, and the guests had no idea of the happy event until the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March were heard, and the "bride" and "groom" entered the room, stepping under the same marriage tree which hung over them twelve years ago. Instantly they were surrounded by a circle of smiling friends, eager to offer their congratulations and good wishes, and for some time nothing could be heard but a happy confusion of laughter and greeting. Mrs. Jarman wore her wedding gown, a rich, heavy white silk, of a quaint, by-gone fashion, which detracted nothing from, but rather added to the charms of the wearer.

After some very enjoyable music by Mr. and Mrs. Jarman, Mr. Jones and Mr. Smith, a dainty, delicious supper was served.

When the guests departed at a late hour each was given a pretty souvenir—a tiny box of wedding cake, to "dream on," presumably.

It is unanimously agreed that our popular president, at his charming, well-attended, the highest ideals of gracious hospitality.

The Normal school is quieter than it has been for several months. The halls seem almost deserted—only about seventy-five out of the hundreds of girls are spending their vacation in the building. They seem perfectly contented and happy, and say that Mrs. Morrison and Mr. Cox, with their corps of able assistants, have left no stone unturned to give them a joyous Christmas vacation. There are three mail calls each day, and the girls are allowed to visit around from room to room, and from table to table in the dining-room as much as they wish. The most popular form of fun seems to be having ten or twelve girls spend the night in one room, with a different party, and a different room each night. A very few girls are working industriously, but the majority are wise enough to use us as intended for recreation and opportunity for rest and recreation.

At four o'clock on Christmas day, Mrs. Morrison entertained at dinner, with the girls, all the members of the faculty who remain in town.

The following teachers are at their homes during the holidays: Miss Annie Kutz, Front Royal; Miss Lullie G. Winston, Richmond; Miss Lila London, Roanoke; Miss Fannie Dunn, Petersburg; Miss Helen Blackstone, Hampton; Miss Natalie Lancaster and Miss Estelle Smith, Ashland.

Miss Annie Doughty, '02, Onancock, is the guest of Miss Courtney Cox, and Miss Justine Pickrell, '03, Petersburg, spent the day in Farmville Monday.

## GLOUCESTER.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

GLOUCESTER C. H., VA., Dec. 26.—The social event of the week was a reception given by Captain and Mrs. Richard Corbin Byrd, of White Hall, the seat of the Gloucester Byrds. This delightful function was in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Marshall Byrd, whose marriage was lately such a brilliant event in Orange county. Mrs. Byrd, who was Miss Sallie Ingers Williams, visited her aunt Mrs. O. E. Gary, is most popular in Gloucester, and the county people are giving her a warm welcome.

The reception was a most brilliant affair. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Roland Clarke, Mrs. C. E. Cary, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Dabney, Hon. and Mrs. John N. Tabb, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Withers, Mrs. Saxley, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jannet, Mr. and Mrs. Corbin Byrd, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Marshall Byrd, Miss Annie Hopkins, Miss Margaret A. Tabb, Bessie Hopkins, Annie Page Vandergriff, Messrs. A. and P. Davis, F. Deans, Walter and Thomas Harwood, C. Saxley, Albert Tallaferro, Walter Sanders, Dr. John Jones, William C. Jones, Curtis James.

Misses Lucy Shilham, Annie Page, Nellie L. Watt, Ellen Lee, Mary Coleman, Grace Dicker and Olivia Bridges, who attend the Normal School at Farmville, are at their homes for the holidays. Miss Sally Jones, of the Leech Naval school, Norfolk, and Miss Letha Core, of Lath school, Baltimore, have also returned for Christmas.

Miss Christian, of Baltimore, is the guest of Miss Ethel Core. Miss Lucy Watkins of C. Charlotte, C. H., and Mr. Henry Hutchinson are guests at the rectory.

Master William and Leonard Stanley now of Gnat Warrington, Massachusetts,

are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Dabney.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter and children are spending the Christmas at White Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis M. Byrd will spend Christmas in Orange, C. H., with Mr. and Mrs. John G. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Jones, who went to Arkansas several years ago, have returned where their permanent home in Gloucester marks the pleasures of hosts of friends.

Mr. Jesse Crouch, a pupil of the Gloucester Academy, is spending the holidays at his home in Richmond.

## LEXINGTON SOCIAL.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LEXINGTON, VA., Dec. 26.—A social party, given by Mr. J. L. Adair, of Kerr's Creek, Rock-bridge county, has issued invitations to the marriage of his daughter, Miss Minnie T. Adair, to Mr. J. N. Mohler of Grinnell, Iowa. The ceremony will take place at the bride's home on Wednesday afternoon, December 31st, at 6:30 o'clock. The "wedding" will be on the anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Embree, of Lexington, was observed Saturday night at the home of Mr. Embree's parents at Buena Vista, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Embree. The parents of Mr. and Mrs. Embree were also present. Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Leach of Lexington. Interest was added to the occasion because of the fact that the marriage took place on Mr. Embree's birthday.

Captain Jacob Rodrick, the veteran conductor on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, is spending the holidays visiting his brother, Ohio. He is accompanied by Mrs. Rodrick and two grandchildren, Rodrick and Linolee Pole.

Mr. W. D. Gresham, assistant in the Lexington High School, is visiting his old home in King and Queen county.

Mr. and Mrs. James S. Smith are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Edward Cooper, of Bramwell, W. Va. They are accompanied by their daughter, Miss Mary Smith.

Professor and Mrs. Le Conte Stevens, of Washington and Lee University, are absent on a visit to friends at Princeton and New York.

Mr. B. F. Leach, Mrs. Leach and daughter, Miss Ella Leach, and Mrs. J. A. Strain have gone to Florida to spend the winter.

Mrs. W. F. Pierson and daughter, Miss Minnie Pierson, have gone to Sea Breeze, Fla., to spend the holidays with Dr. J. H. Pierson.

Miss Anna Anderson has gone to Richmond to spend the holidays with her parents, Attorney-General and Mrs. Anderson.

## RADFORD SOCIAL.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

RADFORD, VA., Dec. 26.—Miss Mary Jones entertained at La Riviera Christmas Eve in honor of her guest, Miss Carrie Broadwell, a teacher in Miss Stuart's school at Staunton.

Misses Elizabeth and Emma Nye gave an enjoyable lunch party last week to a small party of friends.

Miss Lucile Miles, of Arkansas, who is attending school at the Woman's College, Lynchburg, is the guest of Miss Gertrude Yonable this week.

Miss Laura Ingles returned Sunday from a visit to relatives in Kentucky.

Mrs. Norman Call, of Richmond, spent Monday and Tuesday with her aunt, Mrs. M. Yonable, en route to her old home at Lebanon, where she will be joined Christmas day by her husband.

Miss Melba Wilson will leave Saturday for Tazewell to attend a house party at the home of Miss Jean Mays. She will be accompanied by Miss Lucy Blaz, of Salem.

Miss Hattie Overman, of Greensboro, N. C., will spend the holidays with Miss Beale Kenderdine.

Thomas Johnson left Christmas night for Elizabethton, N. C., to visit friends.

Dr. Irene Bullard is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. E. Shanklin.

Mr. and Mrs. James Alexander, of Culpeper, who have spent the summer and fall at Mrs. Adams', left Monday for the north to spend the holidays.

Dr. and Mrs. Allen J. Block returned Monday to Barton Heights, where they will spend the winter.

Mr. Frank Pugh, of Fairmont, West Virginia, visited his brother, Dr. W. B. Fugua, this week.

Among the students at home for the holidays are Misses Beale and Edna Lyle, of Virginia Institute; Miss Kittle, Ingles, who is attending school at Lewisburg, West Virginia; and Cadets Frank Longley, Taylor and Ribble Martin, and Arthur Rosenfield, of V. P. L.

Miss Laura Laseel will leave Saturday for Philadelphia, at which place she will join a party of friends for a trip to Jamaica.

Mr. Garland Johnson, of Kenova, and Mr. W. H. Johnson, with his wife and children, of Roanoke, spent Christmas week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Johnson, who is attending school at Richmond, will also be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson.

Col. W. J. Jordan, of Newbern, will spend the holidays with his daughter, Mrs. Selden Jordan, at her home in Lexington.

Mr. Robert L. Jordan will spend the holidays in Richmond.

Triplets were born to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Canady, this week—all of whom are boys and doing well.

## WARRENTON.

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WARRENTON, VA., Dec. 26.—With one exception Warrenton was asleep socially during the past week.

This exception came to light in the shape of a brilliant card party given by Mrs. William Swift Keyser, of Pensacola, Fla., to a veritable host of friends. Mrs. Keyser was obliged to postpone this affair in November and December, owing to the serious illness of her son. Progressive euchre was the game Wednesday evening, and the content for the handsome prizes was one of surpassing interest. A delightful supper was served immediately after the presentation of the latter. Below is given a nearly accurate list of those who were in attendance:

John Hoot, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Marshall, Mrs. Britton, Miss Nannie Payne, Mr. and Mrs. Greenville Gaines, Mr. John Keith, Dr. and Mrs. Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, Mr. Anton Kennedy, Miss Agnes Kennedy, the Misses Stone, the Misses Spillman, Mr. Eddie Spillman, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Spillman, Mr. and Mrs. Keith, the Misses Keith, Mr. Benj. Way, Mr. John Stone, Miss Barry, Miss Lizzie Fair, Miss Mary, Misses Mary, Mr. and Mrs. Payne, Mrs. Carr, Mr. Willie Gaines, Mr. Isham Keith, Miss Nellie Keyser, Miss Mable Stone, Miss Kitty Paulding, Miss Holmes Paulding, Mr. Gaylord Clarke, Mrs. Owens, Mr. Robert Stone.

## AN ELEGANT DANCE.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

MYNDOS, VA., Dec. 26.—A large and select company of young people attended a delightful dance at the home of Mr. John M. Shipman, near this place, Tuesday night. Music was furnished by Messrs. Robert Kidd and Marshall Phillips. Oysters and other refreshments were served, and with the exception of this pleasant interval, dancing was engaged in from 8 P. M. until 4 A. M.

The following ladies and gentlemen were in attendance: Misses Nettie and Nannie Shipman, Margie Loving, Marion Dawson, Ada and Izelle Rogers, Essie Mays, Abbie Rodgers, Laura Perrow, Myrtle Harris, Mattie Goodman, Gertrude Roberts, Mr. H. H. Harris, Mrs. C. F. Perrow, Messrs. Charles and Jiles Good-

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Tuesday, December 29th, 8:15 P. M., Y. M. C. A. Hall.

Admission 50c. Benefit Grace Church Organ Fund.

## CAPE CHARLES, VA.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CAPE CHARLES, VA., Dec. 26.—The hop at Parsons' Opera House Wednesday night was a decided success. About twenty-five couples attended, and dancing was kept up until midnight.

A large party of conductors and trainmen of the P. B. and W. Railway met Sunday here and enjoyed a huge oyster roast, besides a feast of other good things.

Three barrels of oysters were consumed. The party occupied two special Pullman cars, and after spending the day here, returned to Delmar on the 9:25 P. M. train.

WILMINGTON, VA., December 26.—Dr. Clifton M. Miller and wife, of Richmond, are spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Bell.

Miss Cora B. Perkins and Miss Margaret Hughes, who have been teaching school near Accotink, Va., have returned home to spend the holidays.

Dr. Thomas M. Taylor, recently appointed surgeon to the State farm, expects to leave soon to resume his new duties.

Mrs. Henderson Dainfield, who is traveling in Mexico with Mrs. Barbour Thompson, was a guest at a ball recently given by the President of Mexico.

Mrs. Ruth V. Stuart is spending the winter in Bermuda.

Mr. J. R. Caton, member of the House of Delegates from this city, has returned from Richmond.

PEOPLE IN FLUVANNA.

WILMINGTON, VA., December 26.—Dr. Clifton M. Miller and wife, of Richmond, are spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A